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TAGS: ILO ELAB IS

SUBJ: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE

REF: STATE 004508

1. IN SEPARATE CALLS ON FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU CHIEF (AND GB MEMBER) JOSIP FRANIC AND ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ZVONKO LUCIC TO DISCUSS RECENT VISIT OF ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD TO YUGOSLAVIA, EMBOFF RAISED ISSUE OF YUGOSLAV POSITION ON DG'S REPORT ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE. LUCIC DID NOT RESPOND AT ALL TO DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM BUT FRANIC, WHILE SAYING HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FOR YUGOSLAV POSITION, OFFERED "PERSONAL OPINION".

2. FRANIC SAID ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE RAISED IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS UNTIL IT IS SOLVED OR UNTIL ARABS BELIEVE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD ITS SOLUTION. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AS TO HOW CONTENTIOUS ISSUE CAN BE SOLVED BUT ADDED THAT YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT WANT TO "THROW OIL ON THE FIRE". HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT BY MERE ACT OF OCCUPATION RIGHTS OF ARAB WORKERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARE VIOLATED (AND HE INTERESTINGLY ADDED THIS WOULD BE TRUE IN ANY "OCCUPIED TERRITORY", EITHER ARAB OR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA). HE THEREFORE DID NOT FIND U.S. POSITION ON "DUE PROCESS" CONVINCING. HE SAID  
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THAT HE BELIEVES IF "BOOK IS CLOSED" ON DG REPORT AT FEB. GB MEETING, IT WILL BE RAISED AGAIN AT NEXT ILO CONFERENCE. HE THOUGHT IT BETTER TO HAVE ISSUE "PENDING" WITH NO REAL RESOLUTION (WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL COME ONLY WITH OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL PROBLEM).

3. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT IS THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL FOLLOW ARAB

INITIATIVES ON MATTER AND WILL VOTE WITH ARABS ON HANDLING  
DG'S REPORT.  
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